July 31, 1998 (now U.S. Patent 6,311,144, issued October 30, 2001), which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/085,350, filed on May 13, 1998.

Amendments to the specification are indicated in the attached "Marked Up Version of Amendments" (page i).

REMARKS

On March 3, 2002, a Response to Request for Corrected Filing Receipt was mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office stating that the Office cannot add the continuity claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120 to the Filing Receipt without supplying the relationship (i.e. continuation, divisional,...) This Preliminary Amendment is being filed to amend the first paragraph of the RELATED APPLICATION section of the Specification, supplying the relationship to the corresponding U.S. Applications claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120.

Further, this Preliminary Amendment B treats the Amendments from a prior filed Preliminary Amendment dated December 6, 2001 in the above-referenced application as having been entered. Thus, the attached "Marked Up Version of Amendments" inserts square brackets and underlining with respect to the version of the Related Application paragraph resulting from the December 6, 2001 Preliminary Amendment and not the originally filed version of that paragraph.

Acceptance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

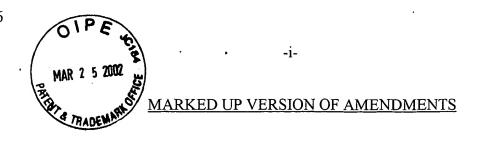
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Replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 4 through 9 with the below paragraph marked up by way of bracketing and underlining to show the changes relative to the previous version of the paragraph.

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/228,702, filed on August 29, 2000 and [claims priority to] is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/606,869, filed June 29, 2000, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/142,313, filed on July 2, 1999. This application [further claims priority to] is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/127,191, filed July 31, 1998 (now U.S. Patent 6,311,144, issued October 30, 2001), which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/085,350, filed on May 13, 1998.